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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EMERGENCY LANE CLOSURES ON I-40

Ludlow to Needles – Caltrans has discovered damage to six bridges on Interstate 40. To protect the safety of the traveling public, the outside lane in both directions will close today, May 25, 2006 until further notice. Intermittent lane closures at the bridges will take place within a 17-mile stretch on I-40 from east of Kelbaker Rd. to west of Essex Rd. One lane in each direction will remain open to traffic.

The damaged bridges are as follows: Marble Wash, Fortress Wash, Neprud Wash, MacDonald Wash, Chuckwalla Wash, and Mustang Wash. An emergency order will be executed to stabilize the bridges. New information will be released when available.

Travelers are urged to take alternate routes to avoid delays.

Detour routes to Arizona/Nevada:

- I-10 east to US-95 north to I-40
- I-10 east to SR-62 east to US-95 north to I-40
- I-10 east to SR-177 north to SR-62 east to US-95 north to I-40
- I-15 north to Nevada

If you choose to drive on I-40 allow extra time for your trip and drive with caution in the construction area. Reduce your speed before the closure and merge early.

Prepare for your trip across the desert. BRING WATER, medications, snacks, and make sure your car is in good running condition.

For more information please call our Public Affairs Office at (866) 383-4631 or go to our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist8.

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